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SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY REQUESTS INFORMATION ON ARAB ANTI-
ISRAELI PUBLIC STATEMENTS

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1. COMPILATION OF CHRONOLOGY OF STATEMENTS OVER THE YEARS
BY PROMINENT ARABS THREATENING ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE WOULD
INVOLVE MAJOR RESEARCH EFFORT. IN ORDER TO RESPOND
QUICKLY, WE BELIEVE THE MOST HELPFUL APPROACH NOW IS TO
CITE A FEW SUCH STATEMENTS FROM THE MORE DISTANT PAST
(PARA 3) AND A FEW FROM RECENT, POST-OCTOBER-WAR MONTHS
(PARA 4) AS EXAMPLES OF THE SITUATION AS IT MUST BE DEALT
WITH NOW.

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2. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE LEADERS OF ARAB GOVERNMENTS DID THREATEN ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IN THE PAST, KEY ARAB LEADERS DID NOT DO SO DURING OCTOBER 1973 WAR AND HAVE REFRAINED FROM SUCH STATEMENTS SINCE. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT DURING OCTOBER WAR, PRESIDENT SADAT SPECIFICALLY AND PUBLICLY DEFINED EGYPT'S WAR AIMS AS BEING RECOVERY OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY, NOT ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL. PRESIDENT ASAD'S POST-OCTOBER-WAR ACCEPTANCE OF SC RESOLUTION 338, WHICH SUBSUMES SC RESOLUTION 242, WAS

DE FACTO ACCEPTANCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAELI STATE. WHILE STATEMENTS BY ARABS THREATENING ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE CONTINUE, THESE STATEMENTS NO LONGER COME FROM TOP LEVEL ARAB GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES BUT, RATHER, FROM RADICAL ARAB ELEMENTS, INCLUDING FEDAYEEN LEADERS.

3. PRE-1973 STATEMENTS BY ARAB LEADERS INCLUDE THOSE BELOW. PLEASE NOTE THAT NOT ALL QUOTATIONS LISTED HERE AND IN PARA 4 FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES.

A. "THE BATTLE WILL BE A GENERAL ONE AND OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO DESTROY ISRAEL." NASSER, MAY 26, 1967, CAIRO.

B. "ARAB UNITY MEANS THE LIQUIDATION OF ISRAEL AND THE EXPANSIONIST DREAMS OF ZIONISM," NASSER, FEBRUARY 22, 1965.

C. "THE ARAB PEOPLE...WILL NEVER ALLOW ISRAEL AND THOSE SUPPORTING ISRAEL TO REALIZE THEIR OBJECTIVES IN KEEPING ISRAEL IN EXISTENCE IN PALESTINE." NASSER, AUGUST 17, 1961, SPEECH.

4. RECENT PALESTINIAN STATEMENTS ARE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. "ISRAEL WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THIS STATE ONLY IF AND WHEN IT IMPLEMENTS THE UN RESOLUTION OF 1947." ZUHAYR MUHSIN (CHIEF OF SAIQA) NOV 28, 1974, MUNICH QUICK MAGAZINE.
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B. POINT 3 OF THE 10-POINT PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE PLO IN CAIRO ON JUNE 8, 1974: "THE PLO WILL STRUGGLE AGAINST ANY PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY IF THIS WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION (OF ISRAEL), CONCILIATION (WITH ISRAEL), SECURE BORDERS, RENUNCIATION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHT AND THE DEPRIVATION OF OUR PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO RETURN AND ITS RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE DESTINY

OF ITS NATIONAL SOIL." POINT 8 SPEAKS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, OF "COMPLETING THE LIBERATION OF ALL PALESTINIAN SOIL."

5. SUGGEST THAT ONLY ACTUAL QUOTES IN PARAS 3 AND 4 ABOVE BE PASSED TO SENATOR PERCY'S KUWAITI INTERLOCUTOR. KISSINGER

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